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POSTER CONTEST FOR FOURTH, FIFTH GRADERS ON SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS

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NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA - Emergency Managers from the Unifour counties, in partnership with the American Red Cross, are sponsoring the 2012 Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest for 4th and 5th graders.

Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba County students currently in the 4th or 5th grades are invited to submit a poster that relates to the theme "Severe Weather Awareness" and illustrates an example of a natural hazard that affects North Carolina. All entries **MUST** arrive at one of the American Red Cross county offices no later than **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012 at 5 p.m.**

One poster from each county and one overall winner from all entries will be chosen as the winners of the Unifour Area Severe Weather Awareness Week Poster Contest. The winners' artwork is scheduled to be displayed from March 4-10 during North Carolina Severe Weather Awareness Week. Prizes will include tickets to Carowinds, weather radios, and more.

Entry is open to 4th and 5th grade students in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell or Catawba County. The poster drawing must relate to the theme "Severe Weather Awareness" and should illustrate an example of a natural hazard that affects North Carolina.

"A natural hazard in North Carolina can be wide-ranging and dangerous – it can be a hurricane, tornado, wildfire, flooding, earthquake, heat wave, sink hole, or winter storm," said Karyn Yaussy, Emergency Management Coordinator.

Yaussy emphasized the importance of area students understanding the types of emergencies that can affect them. She encouraged students to be creative.

The finished poster must be no larger than 11" x 14". Designs should be submitted on quality poster illustration board or heavy paper. Entries must utilize crayons, magic markers, colored pencils or watercolor/acrylic paint. Posters with stencils, traced, computer-generated or commercially manufactured stick-on lettering or images will not be accepted.

Each poster must include the following information clearly printed or attached to the back of the poster to be eligible: contestant's name, age, grade level, school name and address, parent/guardian's name, address, and telephone number.

Judges will reward creativity and the extent to which the poster expresses the contest theme: *Severe Weather Awareness*. The top posters, one from each county and one overall winner that best illustrates natural hazards faced in North Carolina will be selected. Judges decisions are final. The winners will be notified by telephone no later than February 28, 2012.

Posters may be mailed to: Catawba Valley Chapter American Red Cross, PO Box 389, Hickory, NC 28603

OR posters may be delivered to following locations, no later than Monday, February 6, 2012, at 5 p.m.

Alexander County 81 Liledoun Rd. Taylorsville, NC28681 Telephone: (828)632-1990	Burke County 305A W. Union St. Morganton, NC 28655 Telephone: (828) 438-8844
Caldwell County 1144 Morganton Blvd. SW Lenoir, NC 28645 Telephone: (828) 754-4161	Catawba County 1375 Lenoir Rhyne Blvd., Piedmont Ctr. Suite #119 Hickory, NC 28602 Telephone: (828) 322-4151